

CONCLUSION

After entry of the above amendments, the claims pending in the subject application are 16-28. Reconsideration of this application based on the amendments and remarks presented herein is respectfully requested.

Claims 22-25 were rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Claims 22-25 are directed to a dispersant compound and depend from claim 21 directed to an electrocoat coating composition. Claims 22-25 have been amended to define an electrocoat coating composition. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 16-21 and 26-28 were objected to as being dependent upon a cancelled base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 26 has been amended to depend on claim 16. Claim 28 has been amended to depend on claim 27. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the amendments and remarks contained above, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the 35 USC §112 rejection, and request that a Formal Notice of Allowance be issued for claims. Should the Examiner have any questions about the above remarks, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

Respectfully submitted,

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